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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 JESUS RUIZ-HERNANDEZ,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR22-0197JLR

ORDER

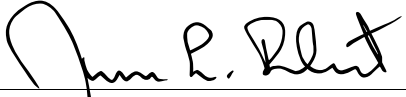
15 Before the court is Defendant Jesus Ruiz-Hernandez's *ex parte* motion requesting
16 Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") funds to pay for translation services. (Mot. (Dkt. # 212)
17 (sealed); *see also* Fin. Aff. (Dkt. # 139) (sealed); 12/21/23 Hoover Decl. (Dkt. # 160)
18 (sealed); 1/8/24 Hoover Decl. (Dkt. # 213) (sealed).)

19 The court has reviewed Mr. Ruiz-Hernandez's financial affidavit (Fin. Aff.) and
20 his attorney's declaration concerning Mr. Ruiz-Hernandez's ability to pay for trial
21 expenses (12/21/23 Hoover Decl.). The court finds that Mr. Ruiz-Hernandez is not able
22 to pay for translation services that may assist his defense.

1 Accordingly, the court AUTHORIZES the use of CJA funds to pay for translation
2 services in this case, including the use of funds to translate exhibits, communicate with
3 Mr. Ruiz-Hernandez, and translate witness testimony. The court preauthorizes the use of
4 up to \$1,500 in CJA funds to pay Eliana Rey, 12118 Halleck Ave SW, Seattle, WA
5 98116, for translation services. The court DIRECTS the Office of the Federal Public
6 Defender to create an expert-only appointment in CJA eVoucher to pay Ms. Rey for her
7 services.

8 The court previously authorized the use of CJA funds to pay Jason Schrier for
9 translation services related to defense exhibits. (1/8/24 Order (Dkt. # 214) at 2.) The
10 court MODIFIES that January 8, 2024 order (Dkt. # 214) to allow Mr. Schrier to provide
11 the same translation services as authorized in this order; Mr. Schrier's services are not
12 limited to the translation of exhibits.

13 Dated this 8th day of January, 2024.

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15 JAMES L. ROBERT
16 United States District Judge
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